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SUBJ: PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE DISSOLVES PPT AND LAUNCHES CULTURAL
REVOLUTION

1. SUMMARY: DECLARING THAT THE PARTI PROGRESSITE TCHADIEN
HAD OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS, PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE CONVOKED A
NATIONAL CONGRESS WHICH AS ITS FIRST ACT VOTED THE PPT OUT OF
EXISTENCE. THEN IT DUTIFULLY RATIFIED TOMBALBAYE'S PROPOSAL
TO CREATE A MOUVEMENT NATIONAL POUR LA REVOLUTION
CULTURELLE ET SOCIALES. END SUMMARY.

2. DISSOLUTION OF PPT WAS HERALDED BY SEVERAL MONTHS OF
STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENTIAL DISSATISFACTION AND CAPPED AT JULY 7
ANTI-FRENCH RALLY. DISSOLUTION WAS FIRST OFFICIAL ACT OF
NATIONAL CONGRESS MEETING AUGUST 27. CREATED TO REPLACE IT,
MNRCS WILL BEGIN LIFE AS PRESIDENT'S INSTUMENT TO BRING ABOUT
FULL CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN CHAD AND WILL BE STAFFED ONLY BY THOSE
DEDICATED TO SERVICE OF COUNTRY.

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3. IN THREE-HOUR SPEECH PRESIDENT CONCENTRATED ON EXPOSURE OF

DEGRADATION OF PPT AND ENGAGED IN LONG, BITTER AND VICIOUS ATTACKS ON PPT FOUNDER GABRIEL LISETTE AND ON FRENCH SECSTATE JACQUES FOCCART. ON MORE POSITIVE NOTE HE PROCLAIMED CULTURAL AND SOCIAL REVOLUTION AND LAUNCHED THE SEARCH FOR AFRICAN AND CHADIAN VALUES. WORD "TCHADITUDE" HAS NOW OFFICIALLY ENTERED VOCABULARY.

4. DRAWING ON EXPOSITION OF NATURE OF AFRICAN SOCIETY, PRESIDENT RESERVED IMPORTANT PLACE FOR TRADITIONAL LEADERS IN MNRCs AND EXTOLLED HUMAN VALUES OF CHADIAN SOCIETY AS OPPOSED TO IMPERSONAL ONES OF WEST.

5. AMONG MOST TANGIBLE PROPOSALS TO CONGRESS WAS ONE FOR CREATION OF CHADIAN CIVIC LEGION IN WHICH ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LEARN WORK, SERVICE, DISCIPLINE, RESPECT.

6. FINALLY, PRESIDENT LISTED ALL MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AND SOUGHT TO RALLY POPULAR ENTHUSIASM BY GIVING HOPE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

7. COMMENT. PRESIDENT WAS IN EXCELLENT FORM AND SEEMED TO ENJOY AUDIENCE RESPONSE. AT LEAST ONCE HE DEPARTED FROM PREPARED TEXT FOR WITTY ASIDE TO AUDIENCE. IMPRESSION REMAINS THAT ALTHOUGH CHAD'S NEW MOVEMENT BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO MOBUTU'S MPR, TOMBALBAYE IS NOT LAUNCHING ANYTHING SIMILAR IN STRUCTURE. MOVE SEEMS DESIGNED TO PRESERVE AFRICAN VALUES AND PROMOTE SELF-RESPECT ON AFRICAN, NOT EUROPEAN, MEASURING STICK, TO REVITALIZE POLITICAL STRUCTURE BY CUTTING AWAY "MINISTRES-HOMMES D'AFFAIRS" AND BY FRESHENING OFFICIAL GROUP PORTRAIT AND TO DISCOVER AND TO DEVELOP CHADIAN UNIFYING CHARACTERISTICS. THIS IS CLEARLY A MILESTONE OF CHAD'S NATIONAL HISTORY.
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